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Pres. Stone Tells History Of Temple

"I shall never forget December 19, 1960, when President David O. McKay called me on the phone and said: 'President Stone, I have just come from a meeting of the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve where it was decided to proceed with construction of the Oakland Temple and I wanted you to be the first to know'."

The speaker was President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley Stake, as he recalled events of the last four years since organization of the Oakland Temple district.

On January 23, 1961, a cold, windy, rainy Monday morning, President McKay arrived at San Francisco Airport and proceeded to a prearranged meeting in the Hilton Inn. Present at the gathering were presidencies of 19 stakes, the Northern California Mission and Henry A. Smith, editor of Church News, who accompanied President McKay from Salt Lake City. They were 61 men and two ladies, President Stone's secretary and Nell Smith, Church News correspondent.

After President McKay had outlined the general plans of the Temple's district and displayed a drawing of the proposed structure, a committee was found to conduct the business of the newly named 'Oakland Temple District."

Appointed to the committee were: Chairman O. Leslie Stone, vice-chairman David B. Haight, Palo Alto Stake; President Carrol Smith, Klamath Stake; and President Dallas Tueller, Fresno Stake. Elder Paul E. Warnick was named executive secretary and Nell Smith, public relations director.

Stakes Pledge Lunch

Highlight of the gathering was the voluntary pledge of stake leaders to raise $500,000 toward the Temple's construction. One stake president noted that this represented about five dollars for each person in the district then numbered at 92,000.

It was a small meeting room in which the plans were formulated but the atmosphere was charged with the spirit of the Priesthood emanating from the Prophet who presided. Many of the brothers did not try to disguise the emotion they felt, particularly when they waited to respond to President McKay's request. At the conclusion of the discussion he shook the hand of every one present.

Contributions came from many sources. Regular donations from Church members were augmented by anonymous gifts, (one of which was for $3,500.) Cub Scouts, Primary children and older people have all earned the blessing of contributing to the work of the Lord.

President Stone reports, "It has never at any time been a burden but rather a great oportunity .... We are grateful to all members of the Church everywhere, who, through the payment of tithes and offerings make such progress possible."

Under direction of President Stone nearly $650,000 was contributed by stakes in the Temple district. Money is still coming in and receipts will continue to be forwarded to Salt Lake.

District Grows

Since that day in January the Church membership in the Oakland Temple District has been growing so rapidly that the original 19 stakes of the District now number 27. The newly created stakes include San Leandro, San Jose West, Fresno East, Monterey Bay, Reno North, Concord, Modesto and Medford which was the 400th in the Church.

Thirteen stakes in the northwest have been added to the Oakland Temple district, with portions of the Northwestern States Mission. The disrict now covers the area from Fresno on the south to Reno on the east to Seattle on the north, and comprises 180,000 members. It is the fastest growing area in the Church, according to President Stone.

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They Came, Saw, And Took Literature

Visitors to the Oakland Temple during the public viewing numbered more than 350,000 by actual count (bad weather spoiled our early estimate of 400,000), took 100,000 copies of the special Temple issue of The Improvement Era, 4000 of the Book of Mormon, 2000 of "The Mormon Story" and uncounted thousands of a wide variety of tracts.

More than 4000 volunteers participated in the program, 200 a day on two shifts as hostesses, guides, monitors, traffic directors, and general assistants, and a crew each night to clean up and make ready for the next day.

President O. Leslie Stone was impressed with the behavior of the visitors. There were no unpleasant incidents and no damage to the interior of the Temple. The rug is in good condition as it was protected with canvas runners.

Most of the comments from visitors were concerned with the volunteers, their courtesy, their cheerfulness and constant smiles, their willingness to help solve problems and make everyone feel welcome and at home, according to President Stone.

California State Senator Stan Pitman, Oroville, wrote to President Stone and said in part, after commenting on the beauty of the structure and the landscaping. " — — — The wonderful spiritual uplift I received during my tour. You are contributing greatly to the moral and spiritual growth of the state of California."

A businessman from San Francisco wrote that his tour was "thought provoking" and he was impressed with the "atmosphere of friendliness" on the part of the "volunteers."

A good sized crew is preparing the Temple and Interstake Center for the opening of the Temple January 5.

THE PRESIDENTS

(L to R) PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH of The Council of the Twelve; PRESIDENT HUGH B. BROWN, 1st counselor in the 1st Presidency; PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY; 2d counselor N. ELDON TANNER, Temple District President O. LESLIE STONE and Temple President DELBERT F. WRIGHT.

"This is a holy hour! Each heart is filled, I am sure, with thanksgiving and gratitude for the opportunity of sitting in this sacred edifice and sensing the nearness of Heavenly beings."

Thus spoke Prophet David O. McKay to open the dedication services of the Oakland Temple Tuesday, November 17, 1964. The President attended and spoke at all six sessions. He was accompanied by his two counselors Hugh B. Brown, N. Eldon Tanner, and most of the General Authorities.

Members from the 40 stakes in the Oakland Temple District attended the six sessions at which six special choirs—one for each session—participated during the three days.

It was a glad moment when voices were raised in the sacred "Hosanna Anthem" and "Hosanna Shout" as many present were seeing the dream of a "Temple on the hill" come to fruition.

President McKay pronounced the dedicatory prayer at most of the sessions in spite of the fact that he is recovering from a severe illness.

"....Let me leave this thought with you—Those who now take advantage of the House of God take upon themselves obligations when they kneel at the altar and (each couple) become(s) man and wife. Furthermore, this obligation reaches out telling the world that there is no death. We do live after death strikes us; it is but a passing from one of Father's houses into another—into other rooms more glorious."

— David O. McKay

Temple Open For Work January 5

The Oakland Temple will be opened for ordinance work Tuesday, Jan. 5, according to Temple President Delbert F. Wright.

"There has been a wonderful and spontaneous response from stake presidents, bishops and members throughout the district to the invitation for interviews of prospective Temple workers," President Wright said. "Many fine, worthy members are willing to devote the required time to this important work in the House of the Lord, and are planning to adjust their personal affairs to permit its accomplishment."

A schedule of daily Temple sessions will be announced. President Wright explained that it will require about 250 workers to operate the Temple properly. Most will be voluntary ordinance workers.

Public Invited To Tour Temple Area

Regular tours of the Oakland Temple grounds began immediately after dedication of the Temple.

Beginning Friday, November 20, hourly tours were available to Temple visitors. The excursions begin at 10 a.m. and continue on the hour until 7 p.m. during the winter months. Later the hours will be extended to begin at 9 a.m. and continue on the hour until the last tour at 8 p.m., it was announced by Paul Summerhays, chief of the Bureau of Information.

Guests assemble at the Bureau of Information where they are shown a film on the building and purpose of Temples. Then groups are conducted to the Terrace Garden courtyard, and the adjoining chapel and East Bay Interstake Center.

Guides are prepared to demonstrate all the points of the Latter-day Saint Church program and what it has to offer people of all ages.

No tours will be conducted on Sundays but the Bureau of Information will be open to assist visitors.

Temple History

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Ground Broken

On May 26, 1962, a bright and shiny Saturday, President McKay returned to the Temple site and officially broke the ground on Temple Hill to start actual construction of the House of the Lord. All members of the First Presidency and General Authorities who were in the country accompanied him.

Led by President McKay, 24 brethern lined up with as many golden shovels and ceremoniously turned a symbolic spadefull of ground which began the excavation for the foundation of the building. More than 7000 witnessed the historic event on closed circuit television in the adjoining Interstake Center and chapel.

Cornerstone

One year later, almost to the day, May 25, 1963, another sunny Saturday, President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve came to Oakland to lay the Temple cornerstone. Highlight of this visit was the presence of the Tabernacle Choir, then on concert tour in California. Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve was also present.

Another visit to Oakland was made by President McKay in September, 1964, when he came to examine the outside lighting system of the Temple. He was accompanied by 1st Counselor Hugh B. Brown, Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve, Elder ElRay L. Christianson, assistant to the Twelve, and his son Llwellyn.

At a gathering of stake presidents held in the baptistry of the East Bay Interstake Center, President McKay addressed the group, most of whom had been present at the Hilton Inn.

The Prophet's smile was radiant when he said, "I am thrilled to be here. My soul was uplifted last night as I gazed on this beautiful Temple with its magnificient lighting. It bears testimony to your fine endeavors. And I say God bless you for it."

Pres. Wright Named

On January 4, 1964, Elder Delbert F. Wright was named by the First Presidency president of the Oakland Temple. Sister Wright was called as matron of the Temple.

President Wright had been on the original committee which negotiated purchase of the Temple site. He served as presidnt of Oaklend Stake for many years and subsequently served as president of the Minnesota Stake.

Chosen to become President Wright's counsellors were Bernherd Herman Schettler of San Francisco as first, and Robert Lee Kenner of Berkeley as second.

Temple ordinance work will commence Tuesday, January 5, 1965.

Elder Paul Summerhays, counselor on the Oakland-Berkeley stake, was appointed by the First Presidency as chief of the Bureau of Information. His wife Marie shared in the calling. Elder Summerhays has been in the Bay area more thn 25 years.

Gates Opened

At 8:30 a.m. on a sunny Friday morning, September 25, 1964, the gates of the Temple were opened. Church Architect Elder Harold W. Burton turned the key to unlock the gate to the Temple courtyard. He then turned the keys over to President Wright and the first group of visitors was led on the first tour.

Present at the key turning ceremony were, in addition to Elders Burton and Wright, President Stone, President Ronnow, the building contractors and other stake presidents. Some 20,000 civic and religious leaders responded to invitations sent throughout the area to attend his special preview. Next day stake & ward leaders & their families came to inspect their dream, now a reality.

The Temple was opened to the public October 5, 1964. It was necessary to extend the viewing period a week.

Favorable comments have been received from many who visited. Stake presidents report many communications with expressions of appreciation for the privilege of attending the viewing. The Temple was received into the community with total acceptance.

Actively engaged in directing crowds, instructing guides and answering questions were President Howard Allen of the Northern California Mission and a selection of full- time missonaries.

Public Interest

President Allen reported, "The privilege extended to non-members of the Church to visit the Temple has had a profound effect on the reception of our missionaries. Many more doors are being opened to them.

"A more friendly attitude is apparent and a keener interest in learning more about our doctrines is being manifested. We are confident a great new era has been opned for the teaching of the Gospel in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and we anticipate many souls coming into the fold.'

Organization of the extended public viewing was directed by President Stone.

As President and Sister McKay were led through the crowds to their car when they left for the airport the group broke into singing "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet" and as the beaming Prophet was driven slowly through an avenue of happy, admiring Saints, the song blended into "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

And may God always be with our beloved President and keep him safe!

"....Love is the divinest attribute of the human soul. God Himself is love. Our hearts are really one with Him in that eternal home, and so when a couple kneels at the altar and receives the privilege and blessing of that eternal sealing, one should be sure that love is binding those two hearts that will now be bound by the Holy Power of the Priesthood for Time and all Eternity....Love must be fed; otherwise that binding, that sealing power, that covenant which is made, may not last forever. Love must be nourished; love can be starved to death just as literally as the body can be starved without daily sustenence."

— David O. McKay

Last Excursion To LA; Next—Oakland

Last San Francisco Stake-sponsored excursion to the Los Angeles Temple this year is scheduled for December 10, 11 and 12. The bus will leave the Stake Center, 1399 Brunswick St., Daly City, at 8 p.m. Thursday evening, December 10. Anyone interested should see his bishop for reservations.

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Berkeley 2d Ward

Bazaar Successful

By Marilla Bodily

Berkeley 2d Ward had a successful ward bazaar September 19, using the theme of Alice in Wonderland. Ray Balmforth was in charge. The second welfare event was a Mad-Hatter's Birthday Party October 17 in the form of a Ten-Dollar-a-plate Dinner under Ned Clyde.

With the dedication of our Temple, ward members were active in the public viewing. The following couples were called to do ordinance work: Irving and IvaDell Erickson, Benjamin and Louise Hulme and Arthur and Olive Weir.

Our ward is showing renewed interest in genealogy in preparation for the 1965 coordinated program. Douglas Ream is the high priest in charge of genealogy under LeRoi Gardiner of the stake. A group is meeting Tueday evenings under Grace Hopkins, who is following the Genealogical Society's Plan for Churchwide activity. Our Sunday School class in genealogy is taught by Eva Franz, outstanding teacher and worker in the field.

The young ladies in our Mutual are working on a play, "Six who Pass While the Lentils Boil" for presentation in January.

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Another Witness For Book of Mormon?

By Robert W. X. Smith

The picture shown here appears in "He Walked The Americas" a new book written after 25 years' research among Indian tribes of the Americas, compiling their legends of appearance of a white man of Godly mein and speech of such power that they have been handed down from generation to generation for 1,900 years in legends, chants, dances and paintings.

The author, L. Taylor Hansen, a noted archeologist, said that he had never seen or read a Book of Mormon until recently, when several copies were sent to him by Mormon friends who have read his book.

Any Latter-Day Saint who sees the picture will recall the story of he brother of Jared and the white stones that he placed on an altar and "with greater faith than ever man has known before," called upon the Lord to touch them with His finger that hey might shine in the darkness to light certain bardges that had been built to carry the Jaredites across the ocean.

Permission to use this picture has been granted by the author and the publishers, but they have no explanation or interpretation of the meaning of the mural, which was among several photographs of Indian paintings on the walls of ruined temples, where his research had taken him.

He said that it seems "more than a coincidence" that an event of so much importance to "Mormons" should have been pictured in his book and that some mysterious inspiration had brought this about to cause it to appear on the foot of page 56 in his book.

So many people have written asking if he had read the Book of Mormon, that he feels he must have missed something of importance, which he will rectify as soon as he has completed the writing of a new book, on which he is now engaged at the urging of his publishers; and will make a study of the Book of Mormon.

It is interesting to turn to pages 482 to 485 inclusive, and compare the statements given in Chapter 3 of the Book of Ether in the Book of Mormon and learn the great reward of the brother of Jared, that of seeing the spirit body of Jesus as it would appear nearly 2000 years later, in the flesh.

The reproduction of this strange picture has brought into prominence many other great manifestations of faith in this third chapter of Ether, such as the first appearance or mention of the stones forming the Urim and Thummin and also the miracle of moving the mountain as related in page 502, verses 29 and 30, where the brother of Jared, through his great faith, "said, unto the mountain Zerin, 'REMOVE' and it was removed."

The book "He Walked The Americas" is being received favorably among the Latter-day Saints.

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French Paper Looks At Us

Nell Smith, the indefatigable, incomparable, always-at-the-spot reporter, sends us a highly interesting translation of an article published in "The Californian", French language newspaper which modestly claims "the most widespread French publication in the western United States—125 localities served in California," about "The Mormons." It's much too long to run here, but is a sympathetic, reasonably accurate statement.

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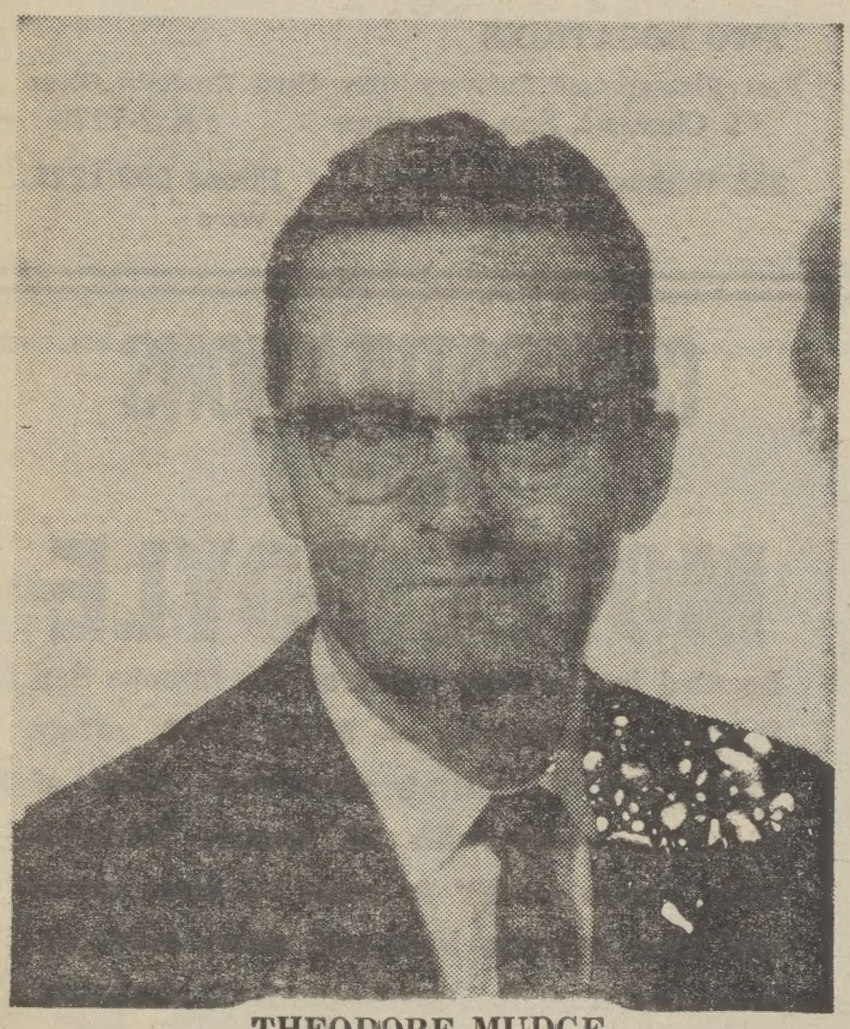

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Sunset Ward

Europe Lures Many From SF

By Jean Lauper

During the last few months a number of Sunset Ward members have enjoyed trips to Europe. Dr. John and Themna Robert and their daughter Carolyn, who graduated from the BYU in June, spent eight weeks abroad traveling from Salzburg an the south to Scandanavia and the British Isles. While in Copenhagen Dr. Roberts represented the San Francisco school system at an international conference on mental health.

Soon after returning home Sister Roberts flew to Texas where she welcomed a new grandchild, Michael Lee Hawes, son of Dr. James L. and Suzanne Hawes, their second child and first son. James is teaching at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. Carolyn has returned to BYU to do graduate work.

Clarissa Mahoney and her sister joned a two and a half month art and cultural tour sponsored by BYU and directed by Dr. Gunn. During the time she was away they traveled through 17 countries including Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Euroge, the British Isles and Scandanavian countries.

Jean and Grant Strebel spent many weeks traveling in Europe in a car they purchased while there and then brought home.

Several new babies have come to happy families in the last few weeks. Eddie and Sally Hanson Krieger have a little daughter Stacy Ann, Virginia Singer and her husband Edward have a 3d little daughter, Sandra Kay. Donald and Lenore Sheldon have their 5th child, a girl named Beverly Eileen who joins four older brothers.

Margaret E. Gordon is spending the winter months with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper. She has led a life filled with Church work, and is now in her 99th year, still a regular Church attendant.

Sister Mary Burch died in October. She had been a member of Sunset Ward for several years. A native of Prussia, she was aged 73.

A successful ward pot luck dinner was held November 13 in the Sunset Cultural Hall.

Sunset Ward is fortunate in having so many fine young married people come here to study. An organization of Young Married people has been successful. Bishop Giles has appointed Diane Neff and Eileen Hanson in charge of lanning social events. David Morris is president with his wife Carol as secretary. The group has outgrown homes for meetings and gathers in the Relief Society room the first Friday of each month for a lesson followed by refreshments. The 3d Friday a social is held, a party or dinner. Membership is about 50.

Esther Johnson On January Concert Bill

By Frances S. Beniams

Esther L. Johnson, organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Francisco, formerly of Berkeley Lutheran Church, and frequent guest artist at Bay Area churches and synagogues, will be the January 3 artist on the Interstake concert series. The concert is scheduled for 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month.

Mrs. Johnson is a popular teacher of classical piano and organ and an advanced student of Ludwig Altman. She is a past Dean of San Francisco Chapter, American Guild of Organists, She and her husband Herman Johnson have contributed to worthy organizations and to the community all their lives—their time, their talents, and their money.

She is a member of the Phi Beta—The National Fraternity of Music and Drama, whose goals are to promote the highest standards in music and the spoken word.

PROGRAM

Fugue in C minor (The Legrenzi) Johan Sebastian Bach
Chorale Prelude — "Christ, unser Herr, Zum Jordan kam"
Johann Sebastian Bach
Toccata en Do Major de Ma Esquerra Johan Cabanilles
Sonatina en Fa Menor
Anselm Viola
Fantasie in C Major (Opus 16)
Cesar Frank
Petite Suite Darius Milhaud
(Composer in residence at Mills College, Oakland)
Chorale Prelude on "Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott
Johann Nepomik David

Claremont Ward

Elders To Serve Christmas Dinner

By Betty Moss

Claremont Ward is looking forward to the annual Christmas dinner and festivities Friday night, December 18. The Elders Quorum will prepare dinner, to be served at 6:30 Afterward the Primary will pesent its Christmas program, in which all the children have a part. This evening would not be complete without the arrival of Santa with his bag of goodies.

We are pleased to have our heating and plumbing in working order again. The project has been done at the expense of $7,000, but after a few chilly weeks, we are sure everyone is happy to have the job done.

The Young Marrieds held a fireside recently at the home of Carolyn and John Anderson. A panel discussion was held on ways of teaching the Gospel to children in the home. Those participating as panel members were Lenore Wood, Mary Finlayson, Dale Cram, and Bill Knecht.

Nancy and Richard Weech have become the parents of their first child—a little girl.

Cheryl and James Colburn also have a new little girl, their first.

Some of the Ward members will be interested to know that June and Dave Jeppson, former members of our ward, have their fifth little boy.

House Talks In Mutual Drama

By Marjorie Simard

Some houses ring, some laugh, some creak and groan, but if you listen closely you can hear some talk. This was the case at Hayward Stake MIA's "House Talk" presentation November 4, in which an old experienced house tried to further understanding and communication between generations by relating conversations it had overheard that expressed both viewpoints. The situations were dramatized by a large, lively cast and suggested conclusions that families must build desirable qualities stone on stone, with love and understanding as the foundation.

Introduced as outstanding examples of family solidarity were the families of Joseph Wood of Hayward 2d Ward, and George Jonutz of Fremont. Joe and Wanda Wood with their six talented children illustrated a family night which ,had discussion, planning games and music. The handsome children of the Jonutz family combined their talent in very professional numbers featuring instrumental music and tumbling.

Sister Elsie Lyon, President of of Stake YWMIA, was in charge, and the resonant voice of the wise old house sounded suspiciously like Brother Leonard Lyon, also on the Stake MIA board. The dialogue of this drama was so timely and witty that the SRO audience was responsive and with the cast all the way, and many truthful barbs struck home.

Winget-Hadley

Miss Ruth Anne Winget will become Mrs. Edward R. Hadley on December 19 at the Manti Temple. Miss Winget, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heber C. Winget of Monroe, Utah, and Mr. Hadley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gray, formerly of Albany, California, are members of University Ward. They plan to make their new home in Oakland. Before their return to the Bay Area, they will be honored at a post-wedding reception at Monroe, Utah.

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Stagge - Miller

By Valiere M. Brunner

The Arnold Millers were maried October 10 in the Los Angeles Temple. President Harold Jackson officiated.

The bride is JoAnn Stagge, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Stagge of Concord. She completed her junior year at BYU.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller of Concord are the parents of the bridegroom. Arnold is employed in the physics department at the University of California. He recently returned from a mission in France.

The wedding reception was held at the Concord Ward October 17.

The bride was attended by Arlene Miller, the groom's sister; Jill Greenwood and Ruth Ann Williams, all of Concord.

Tom Slater of Concord served as best man. Kenneth Maker of Pacheco escorted guests to their seats.

Attending were the brides grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Stagge, from Ogden, Utah, and Mrs. Elizabeth Schow (81), from Brigham City, Utah.

Three babies have been blessed this fall. Kimberlee Bishop, daughter of the Howard Bishops; Janice Jenkins, daughter of the Jack Jenkins; Eric Lee Blatter, son of (2d counselor' the Lynn Blatters.

Two baptisms took place. Mrs. Anna Maria Iwata, and Cynthia Jane Whiteside, daughter of the Leland Whitesides.

The opening Relief Society social was held with all participating officers giving an inspiring outline for the next season. President Fern Greenwood and her counselors, Nonma Nausin and Barbara Pemberton welcome all ladies to the meetings; which are held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

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Newark Ward

Fruit Cakes Go Into Production

By Barbara Hoskin

Fruit cakes are uppermost in the minds of Newark Ward members this holiday season. Marjorie Silver has turned her kitchen into a bakery again this year to raise money for the Relief Society and the building fund. Marge and her cakes are known throughout Hayward Stake for their fine quality. The cakes make wonderful gifts and the ideal treat to have on hand for unexpected holiday guests. Dee Whitworth is in charge of sales.

Linda Lloyd has been selected to enter national competition for the American Abroad School program. The selection committees of the Newark American Field Service Chapter choose two girls from among nine applications. Linda is a senior at Newark High School and is preparing to enter college next fall. She will not know until March if she has been chosen to live and attend school abroad for one year.

A ward fun night was recently sponsored by the MIA. "Take the family to a movie" was the theme. Walt Disney's "Moon Pilot" was the feature film and a colored cartoon was also shown.

Pat Shortis, the ward's Junior Sunday School greeter, was honored at a farewell last month. She has been called for a two year period to the Iadho Fall's area.

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Oakland 3d Ward

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Packer To Head Hayward Meet

Elder Boyd K. Packer, assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles, will preside at a quarterly conference of Hayward Stake, Saturday, and Sunday, December 5 and 6, in Oakland.

Also attending will be Mary W. Jensen of the Sunday School General Board, and Harlan W. Clark and Aurelia J. Nicodemus, representing the Young Men's and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church.

General sessions of the conference will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, conducted by Stake President Francis Benjamin Winkel, 188 Pickering Ave., Fremont. Visitors are welcome.

Elder Packer, a professional educator, has been an air force pilot, a city commissioner and coordinator among students from American Indian tribes. He was an assistant in the unified Church school system and a member of the administrative council of Brigham Young University.

Mrs. Jensen is a career teacher, serving now as music supervisor in the Davis County public schools near Salt Lake City. She has long been active in auxiliaries of the Church, and is a former missionary.

Elder Clark has been a guide on Salt Lake City's Temple Square since 1956. He fulfilled a mission in South Africa, served in the navy, and is chairman of the Utah state board of abstract commissioners.

Mrs. Nicodemus is serving on the Mutual Marrieds Committee. She is active in civic service groups, in Sunday School, MIA, and Relief Society work.

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Mari J. Kassow has made that dream come true for a number of people during the last few years, and is now associated with Howard Travel Service, 578 Grand Avenue, Oakland.

Mari Kassow Tours are being designed for individual groups, with emphasis on the unusual as well as conventional points of interest. Trips will be planned six months in advance to give participants an opportunity to plan for and enjoy reading about their destinations. Since anticipation and good fellowship are parts of a successful junket, there will be several pre-trip parties so that those planning to go will get into the atmosphere before departure day.

Mari started her travel junkets while on the Oakland-Berkeley Stake YMMIA board as M-Men and Gleaner activity leader. During those years she arranged trips for M-Men and Gleaners to Lake Tahoe for skiing, to Yosemite for camping, and to various other spots. She arranged the first M-Men and Gleaner trip to Hawaii, which has become an annual tradition.

The first Mari Kassow tour for 1965 is spring fiesta, an exploration of Mexico, including Mexico City and its magnificent environs, Toluca, the pyramids, the Desert of Lions, a flight to Oaxaca near Guatamala where lie the ruins of Monte Alban. Many Book of Mormon sites will be visited. A motor trip to Cuernavaca includes a stop-over in quaint Taxco, and Acupulco where the group will stay for about three days. The Spring Fiesta is scheduled to leave from San Francisco via Western Airlines jet March 20, and return April 2nd. Reservations are open and information and brochures may be obtained from Howard Travel Service, 578 Grand Avenue, Oakland, phone TE 6-1707.

WARD CLERKS are urgently requested to report MONTHLY to The Messenger, 5327 Hillen Drive, Oakland 19, gains and losses in membership so we can keep mailing lists current. To avoid confusion such changes should be reported ONLY through ward clerks.

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The cup rests for the first time with a branch rather than a ward. The Spanish-American Branch has fourteen boys holding the Aaronic Priesthood. During August, September, and October eleven of them were engaged in Church work. This meant a 66 per cent increase over last quarter.

During the previous quarter the Daly City Ward held the cup for second time. Sunset and Balboa 2d Ward each have won it twice.

The greatest record of winning the president's cup belongs to the Polynesian Ward. "Our Boys enjoy seeing the president's cup in our trophy case," said Bishop William G. Feagiamaalii, "It represents our greatest spiritual achievement."

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Oakland 4th Ward

LDS Youth City Contest Winner

Roger Mathews, member of Oakland 4th Ward and a student at Fremont High School, has won a city-wide competition for designing the official emblem for the first Oakland-Piedmont Arts Festival to be held January 17-24.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Matthews of 5006 Congress Avenue, Roger's winning emblem was chosen from among 42 entries submitted by high school art students.

The contest was coordinated by James M. Brown, Oakland museums director and a member of the festival planning committee, and Stan Cohen, director of art for the Oakland Public Schools.

Honorable mention went to three students from Castlemont High and hree from Oakland Technical High School.

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SO MERRY CHRISTMAS (Xmas is dignified by historical usage, but we still don't like it, even as a handy abbreviation.)

TO YOU ALL:

All you volunteer reporters, most of whom aren't even thanked, none adequately,

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THANKS (because this is written at the Thanksgiving weekend.)

The Messenger of Northern California.

NANCY STUTZNAGGER and BERNARD L. STEWART will be married in the Cakland Temple and sealed for time and eternity on December 21. Prsident Delbert Wright will officiate.

Nancy's parents are the E. K. Stutznaggers of San Jose. Bernard is the son of Madge and Bernard Stewart of Hayward and grandson of Owen L. Stewart, stake patriarch.

The bride is a graduate of James Lick High School and San Jose State College and is teaching first grade at Rosemary School, Campbell. The groom is a graduate of Hayward High School and is finishing his predental training at San Jose State College with plans to enter dental school next fall. Both young people filled missions for the Church in the Swiss Mission.

They will be honored by a reception from 8 to 10 p.m. December 21 in the L.D.S. chapel, 10th and San Fernando in San Jose.

Church Leaders At San Leandro Meet

Two prominent leaders of the Church were featured speakers at the quarterly conference of San Leandro Stake Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22.

They are Elder Richard S. Summerhays, a member of the Priesthood Home Teaching Committee, and Elder Lorin L. Richards of the Missionary Committee.

General sessions of the conference were held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the East Bay Inter-Stake Center, conducted by Stake President Milton P. Ream, 17365 Boston Road, Hayward.

Elder Summerhays has been an insurance agent in Southern California for 20 years. He attended the University of Utah. He has directed Pasadena Stake since 1959. He served as a missionary for the Church in the Northwestern United States.

Elder Richards practiced dentistry in Salt Lake City, Utah, for 24 years. He is a director of Beehive State Bank. He has served in the Church in numerous positions including director of the Salt Lake Missionary home where thousands of "Mormon" missionaries receive instruction before departing for their fields of labor.

Elders Summerhays and Richards addressed special meetings for Priesthood and Missionary leaders on Saturday.

Mission Ward

Special Music For December Meetings

Mission Ward chior will present Christmas music at Sacrament meetings during December, with special muisc December 20. The offering is "A Christmas Tribute", a new work, and tells through music the story of Christmas.

The choir this year is again under direction of Sister Sheila Townsley, with Sister Sonya Taylor as accompianist. Those serving as choir officers are: Dorothy Larson, president; Aleck Townsley, librarian; and James Thomsen, treasurer.

During the Christmas season, the choir is planning to Christmas carol with other of the ward joining them, and also plans on holding its traditional party.

1965 Conference Schedule
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OAKLAND-BERKELEY

February 6-7, Welfare, Primary; April 24-25, Home Teaching, Relief Society, General Authority; August 21-22, Missionary, MIA; November 6-7, Genealogy, Sunday School, General Authority.

WALNUT CREEK

January 23-24, Home Teaching, Relief Society, General Authority; April 10-11, Welfare, Primary; June 26-27, Genealogy, Sunday School, General Authority; October 23-24, Missionary, MIA.

HAYWARD

March 13-14, Home Teaching, Relief Society, General Authority; May 29-30, Welfare, Primary; September 25-2 , Genealogy, Sunday School, General Authority; December 11-12, Missionary, MIA.

CONCORD

January 9-10, Home Teaching, Relief Society, General Authority; March 20-21, Welfare, Primary; June 5-6, Genealogy, Sunday School, General Authority; October 9-10, Missionary, MIA.

SAN LEANDRO

February 27-28, Welfare, Primary; Say 15-16, Home Teaching, Relief Society, General Authority; September 11-12, Missionary, MIA; November 27- 28, Genealogy, Sunday School, General Authority.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

April 4-5-6; 135th Semi-Annual, October 1-2-3.

Lisa Kay Steinmetz

Lisa Kay Steinmetz, 3, died on November 4, from burns received in her home November 1. She was the daughter of Ronald G. and Laureanna Steinmetz, sister of Shari, Gary and Sheila Steinmetz, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Magdaiuyo and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Steinmetz.

Funeral services were held Friday, November, 6, under the auspices of Mission Ward. She was buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

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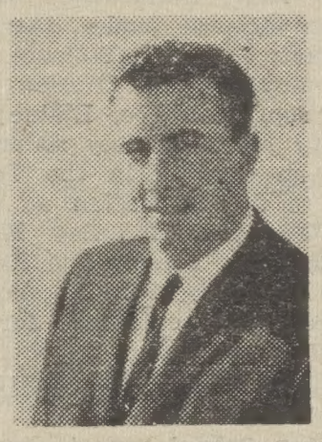

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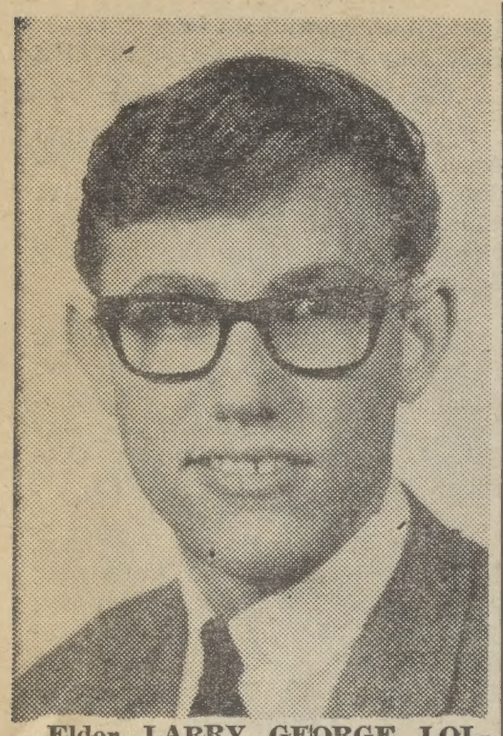
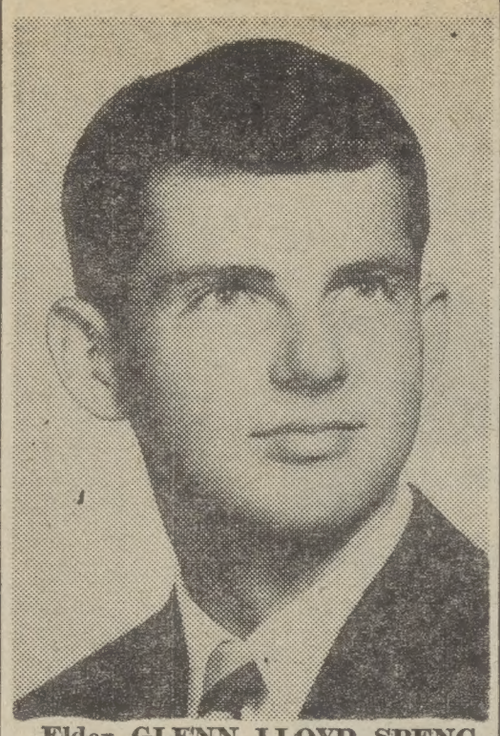


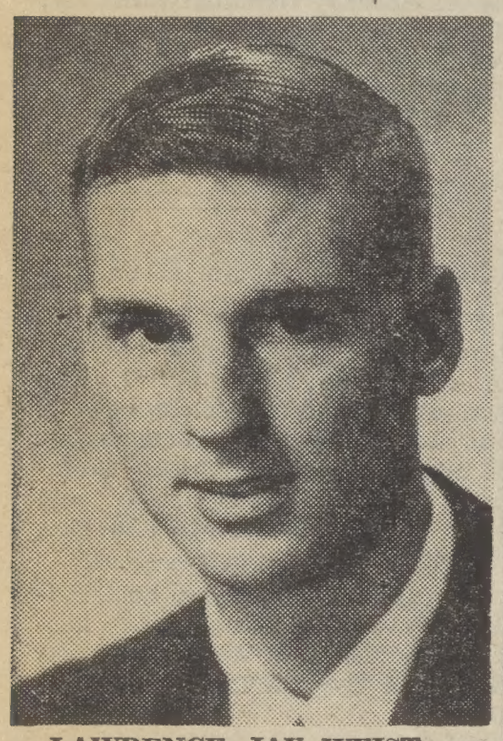
Elder LARRY GEORGE LOLLAR, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lollar, honored in a farewell testimonial at Mission Ward Nov. 8 on the eve of his departure for the Western Canadian Mission. He is the third full-time missionary from the ward in the field. All went out this year.



Elder GLENN LLOYD SPENCER, son of Anna Lea and A. Glenn Spencer is reporting in December for a two-year mission to the Cumorah Mission, 1840 Monroe Ave., Rochester, New York.

A graduate of Del Valle High School, he has been attending the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, this last year.

He is an Eagle Scout and holds his "Duty To God" award. He's been acting as the M-Men Representative and fireside co-ordinator for Walnut Creek Ward. He makes the 9th missionary in field for the Walnut Creek Ward.



LAWRENCE JAY WEIST, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orley C. Weist has been called to labor in the Western Canadian Mission, at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Lawrence is a grdauate of San Ramon High School, attended Diablo Valley College for one year, and was a member of the band at both.

Winnifred Phelps

Oakland 3d Ward mourns the death of Sister Winnifred Lau Phelps, wife of Rufus O. Phelps, on October 30. Sister Phelps' life was marked by her activity in the church which was only curtailed in recent months because of her health. She had cancer for a number of years, and died following an operation.

She was born in Soda Springs, Idaho, 68 years ago and was a member of the Utah Pioneers. She and Brother Phelps were sealed in the Temple and had three children sealed to them; Donna Marie Bates, Winnifred Lorraine Spuhler and Richard Lau Phelps, all of Salt Lake City.

She worked in the Primary and Relief Society, on both ward and stake level, worked with and suppored her husband in his callings as bishop, high councilman, president of the high priest's quorum, on a proselyting mission to Great Britian and two labor missions, one to Australia and one to New Zealand, where she was affectionately known as "Grandma" Phelps. She and her husband also worked in the Los Angeles Temple for several months.

Her funeral was held at the Oakland Third Ward Chapel and was attended by four Stake Presidents, as well as by hosts of her friends and admirers.

RELEASED

BISHOP CURTIS McMULLIN of Oakland Ward was released as bishop Sunday, November 8, and replaced by Elder S. Richard Wickel, who has served with Bishop McMullin as counselor. Bishop McMullin has accepted a position as executive vice president of The Boulevard Bank in Sepulveda, California. He left for his new assignment and work Dec. 1. His wife Ruth and son Michael will move shortly after the first of the year. Sister McMullin is active in the Stake as YWMIA activity counselor. Their daughter Kathleen is attending BYU.

Elmo Smith Addresses Public Relations Club

President Elmo Smith, 1st counselor, Oakland-Berkeley Stake, addressed 30 members of the Public Relations Round Table of San Francisco on the story of the Oakland Temple at a luncheon meeting at the San Francisco Press Club Nov. 4.

President Smith reported that he was pleased and surprised that during the question period the inquires were mostly on Church doctrine. Questions on baptism for the dead, eternal marriage, and other Temple ordinances seemed to be of the most interest. The listeners were also interestd in how those in charge were able to maintain reverence throughout the tour.

Hayward 2d Ward

Reporter Tells Temple Thrills

By Mel Venturi

..Our beautiful Temple is the news for this month. The multitudes of people who took the Temple tour were wonderful. They marveled at its beauty, at the excellent way the crowds were handled, at the happy smiling faces of all those who were helping, and their friendliness. Those in our Ward who were priviledged to be able to help were: Charles McGrath, Dorian Bell, Dean Marshall, John and Loretta Starkweather, Marian Brian, Sister Fuller, Bernice Elgin, Karelyn Adams, Jean Hunter, Antoinette Rowley, Sister Cornett, Helen Anderson, Don Burner, Don Myers, Richard McAneney, Roy Key, Bates Brian, Robert Brown, Jerry Goodwin, Bill Christensen, Sally Jo Bridges, Patricia Miller, Mel and Norm Venturi, Bill Anderson, Jay Skinner, Carlton Hancock, Bill Hill, Jane McCleary and Sister O'Starr.

Your reporter had the opportunity of helping on three occasions. It was the most wonderful experience, to hear the words of appreciation and thanks that the people gave for being able to visit this beautiful structure. One lady had started out about three tours before the one I was guiding and I guess she must have ended up about three tours behind mine. She was examining everything and exclaiming as she went along, "How beautiful, it is. Simply gorgeous, I have never seen anything so lovely before in my life." I don't believe she missed one smallest detail. At one time when I had the post at the Relief Society Room in the Oakland 1st and Oakland 3d ward chapel, and had just finished explaining about it, a lady at the back of one of the tours said to me, "You have something for everyone in this wonderful Church!"

On the last day the Temple was open to the public, I was there to guide. I met many people who were there to help from as far away as Fresno, Bakersfield, Willits, Oregon, just to be able to help at the Temple. For myself, I was thrilled at its beauty, humbled and awed by the reverence shown and the kindness and appreciation of all of the people, and in a small way have had something to do with the erection of this magnificent building. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for the time I spent there, and I am sure that all who helped feel the same.

For the Temple dedication, on the 19th, three of our members ushered, Orrin Hutchings, Earnest Goettling, and Bill McCleary. On the 17th, Sisters Agnes Montgomery, Arla Sauer, and Anna Estis helped to sell the Improvement Era.

Our Ward Bazaar was held November 14, and was a great success. The ladies cleared $600. Everyone had a good time and purchased many good things to eat and gifts for Christmas giving.

Evelyn Bell has had a new little daughter, born November 9. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. Congratulations, Evelyn and Dorian.

Betty McCain has been in the hospital for an operation on her foot. She is home now and doing well. Also, Sister LaRue Ham has had a major operation recently and is now home and improving. daily. We hope both will soon be completely well.

The first part of December there will be a rummage sale held by the Relief Society. Proceeds will go to the Welfare fund.

Our Stake Mutual presented "House Talk," a play, recently at our chapel. It was beautifully done and got across its point, of family unity, of children and parents trying to understand each other better, and get along together better. It was attended by a good sized crowd of mutual age children and parents, and was well received. The cast was made up of people from all of the wards of the Stake.

Our Food Club is now in the process of moving to a building being built behind our Chapel. Proceeds of this food club are going toward the building fund to pay for our Chapel. The prices are right and the cause is good, all of you that are not availing yourselves of this good opportunity to help the building fund and also yourself, by saving money, should do so right away. We need your help too.

University Ward

Institute Head Visits Berkeley

By Gwen Probst

Berkeley Institute was visited recently by William E. Berrett, assistant administrator of the Church school system in charge of religious education. President Berrett met with Brother Glade Burgon, director of the LDS Institute in Berkeley, the University Ward bishopric, and President Leslie Stone, chairman of the stake board of education, to consider suggested plans to increase Institute facilities to accommodate the increase in the University Ward membership.

Fall reorganization at University Ward seems complete. The YWMIA has undergone the biggest change. Beora Snow with her counselors Julia Dewey and Betty Jo Neilsen were changed along with most of the Young Women's leaders when Beora was called on a stake mission (along with her roomate Cathy Wright). Karla Thueson with counselors Carol Ice and Kathleen Stewart have selected as fellow workers Gayle Oblad, secretary; Marion Holmes, teacher; Julia Edrington, Era director; speech director Joanne Lillywhite; dance director, Deanna Shirley; Deana Williamson, sports director; chorister, Christine Strong; pianist, Mary Hunter.

The YMMIA remains under direction of Sterl Miller with two new additions Richard Stoddard as sports director and Bob Bogason the new teacher for the M-Men. The first of December will find Bay Ward M-Men and Gleaners as guests of University Ward, then on December 5 the MIA will feature an original melodrama. The all-star cast includes Ann Canann, Deana Williamson, Bill Owens, Elaine Ellis, Diana Bybee, Judy Hartwell, Carol Anderson, and Tom Nix.

University Ward Relief Society has the following new officers and teachers: secretary, Nancy Elliott; theology teacher, Beth Rosenvall; home management teacher, Millie Schiess; literature teacher, Danna Palmer; social science teacher, Mary Ann Shumway; visiting teacher message leader, Marcenne Sweigart; chorister, Solvwig Chipman; publicity, Sue Carlsen; Magazine representative, Elaine Ellis. Seventy Relief Society sisters enjoyed an evening in the Temple prior to the dedication at which time President R. Lee Kenner discussed the Temple and its purposes. December 9 is the day circled on the calendar for the Christmas workshop. At this time the sisters will see demonstrations and work on gifts.

Sunday School reports appointment of three new teachers. Sister Doris Jensen is the genealogy teacher; Beverly Pessner conducts the teacher training class and Dave Wilkinsen has been appointed as Gospel message teacher.

Lamba Delta Sigma ended November with a regression dinner on November 20 under the direction of Tricia Plastrik, and initiation of pledges, Sunday night, November 22, following Sacrament meeting. December brings a service evening, cataloging the Institute library and the Winter Formal at Claremont Ward on December 11 (Carolyn Syphers in charge.)

The last surprise was the revision of the elders' quorum presidency. Val Lewis, Don Bright and Ron Hunt will be followed by Brothers Reed Randall and Steve Roland.

ATTENTION MORMONAIRES

The Christmas dance will be held the third Friday of December instead of Saturday. Note the change in time to the 18th!

We are joining with the M-Men and Gleaners of San Mateo and Palo Alto Stakes for a gala Christmas party. Joy Meeks, representative for San Mateo Stake, is in charge of the month's activities. Rich Williams Band will furnish the music. See you at Palo Alto Stake Center 1105 Valparaiso Ave. Menlo Park. Donation is $1.50 a person.

A most enjoyable fireside was held at Oakland 4th Ward December 6. George Pace, director of L.D.S. Institute at Stanford, was the speaker. We have been privileged to have outstanding speakers at our firesides. We invite all eligible single men and ladies to join us at Oakland 4th Ward, 3705 Virginia Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m. the first Sunday evening of each month.

Oakland 2d Ward

Turkey & Ham Both For Relief Society

By Winnie Hill

The Relief Society's annual bazaar was held Saturday, November 14. A turkey and ham dinner was served from 5 to 7 p.m. Door prizes were planned for the evening, and games for the children. Attractive and unusual items were displayed for sale. Children could have their pictures taken with Santa Claus.

Relief Society held a bazaar shower party the evening of November 5, under direction of president Evelyn Duncan and work counselor Ione Morris. Sister Rayma Brush directed the community sing acompanied by Sister Betty Allphin. Sister Mabel Drushal was in charge of games.

Opening of shower gifts created much interest. Canned goods were brought for door prizes and many "white elephant" items received.

Refreshments were served by Sisters Thelma Chase, Winnie Hill, Ada Allan and Shirley Jankowski.

Open House was held by the Relief Society for Sister Anna Hansen to celebrate her 87th birthday. Many of her friends called to wish her a happy birthday.

Sister Ione Morris has been ill in the hospital, but is now able to be home and have visitors.

Sister Lulu Martin is now in Kaiser Hospital recuperating from an eye operation.

In the last issue we inadvertently omitted Sister Rayma Bush's name from the list of Officers and leaders. She directs Relief Society singing and is appreciated.

A party of 43 girls chaporoned by Brother John Josephson, including teachers, college and high school students of Salt Lake City, spent Thursday and Friday evenings in Oakland 2d Ward and visited the Oakland Temple and other points of interest.

We release, with regret, from her stake mission Sister Rosina Yeamam. She has served faithfully for 2 years and has had a part in converting 40 people to the Church.

Officers of the MIA YMMIA President Truman Nethercott, Age Group Counselor Robert Allan, Scout Leader John Stanley, YWMIA President Marilyn Collard, Age Group Counselor Shirley Call, Activity Counselor Linda Goldsmith, Sports Director Marge Showaker, Drama Director Joan Gemignani, Speech Director Sandra Shaw, 1st year Beehive Teacher Ann Hardy, 2nd yearBeehive Teacher Yvonne Hubbell, Mia Maid Teacher Carrie Knowlton, Laurel, Teacher Zoe Beard.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake MIA Awards

Fireside session of the quarterly conference of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake with 350 present, emphasized the work of the YWMIA by honoring the 280 girls in the stake program, with special focus on the 134 who had earned individual awards.

J. Ward Green of the high council awarded the Alameda Ward a silver plaque for the greatest increase in individual awards during the last year and gave gold plaque to Berkeley 1st Ward for having the greatest percentage of awards.

As each girl earning an award passed through an archway decorated with the class symbols, her bishop presented the award and a personally written letter from the appropriate executive and Joyce Osborn, Stake YWMIA president pinned class symbols on each. As they returned to their seats the girls were congratulated by President Elmo R. Smith.

Girls not having earned awards were given a letter of love and encouragement from the Stake YWMIA presidency.

President Smith presented a Master M Man award to Richard Hunter and a Golden Gleaner award to Nan Hunter of Berkeley 1st Ward. Joyce Osborn gave the Honorary Golden Gleaner award to Stella Hoops, of Oakland 3d Ward, and Jay Brown gave the Honorary Master M Man award to Walter Hall, also of Oakland 3d Ward.

Dauna Sandmire and Elmo Smith gave talks, and ice cream moulded into class symbols, was served.

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AUDIENCES AT the first session of the dedication of the Oakland Temple November 17 heard a combined choir from the Redwood, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Rosa Stakes. JEAN LAUPER, director, and LUCILLE BLAKE, organist, are standing in the center of the front row. Charles Ruiz photo.

Pittsburg Ward

Two Boy Scouts Win Eagle Rank

By Thora Astle & Boots Barrus

Attaining the rank of Eagle at the Concord Stake Boy Scout Court of Honor, October 16, were James Dutton and Duane Rees Magleby. This swells the number of Eagles from Pittsburg Ward to 14. Others holding this honor are David Smith (Antioch- now attending BYU and a returning missionary Alan Nicol serving a mission in Austria, Larry Peters a missionary in the New England States, Bruce Bowen, a returned missionary now in the navy, Marvin Graham serving a work mission in Idaho, Steven Johnson, Nelson Astle, James Peters, Tommy Krey, Srank Buccellato, Bill Campbell, and James Peterson, all high school students. Pittsburg also received the advancement trophy for the greatest advancement in scouting during the last 6 months.

Others receiving awards were: Eagle Palms, Frank Buccellato and Bill Campbell; Star rank, Dennis Lanier; First Class rank, Michael Cornelius, Claude Jensen, Eddie Graham, Fred Hollingshead, Andrew Schmitz; Second class rank, Steven Gadbois, William Eagle, Ralph Keenen, Michael Pate. Merit badges were awarded to Bill Campbell, avaition; James Dutton, mile swim; Dennis Lanier, life saving, canoeing, basketry; Michael Cornelius, leather work, basketry, woodcarving; Claude Jensen, basketry, leatherwork; Andrew Schmitz, basketry; and William Savide, canoeing, swimming.

Now making their home in Pittsburg are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gonzaga, married in late October at Pittsburg Ward. The bride was Miss Sallie Christiansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Christiansen, and the groom is the son of Joseph Luis Gonzaga.

Bishop Grant Cornelius performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Irel Barrus and Miss Patricia Barrus were vocalists, and Mrs. Wesley Bray was organist.

Sallie is a senior at Pacifica High School, where she is a member fo the Girls' Athletic Association, and Larry is a graduate of the same school.

A reception for friends and relatives was held in the Cultural Hall after the ceremony.

Brother and Sister Archie, Schmitz are the proud parents of a son, born November 10.

Sister Delano Krey is recuperating satisfactorily at home after recent surgery.

Appointed to new positions in the ward are Bitty Tiewater, assistant clerk in charge of finance, Maxine Buccellato, activity counselor and Janice Odom, sports director in the YWMIA.

The annual Relief Society Bazaar was held November 12 at the church social hall. Harvest Time was the theme, and it was a regular old-fashioned bazaar, with interesting items and fun. At 6 p.m. a spaghetti dinner was served, with salad and French bread. There were booths featuring Pronto Pups, baked goods, and candy, and many hand-made items were for sale.

Arthur S. Chomor, husband, of Sister Lillian Chomor, has been re-elected to the Pittsburg Community Hospital board for his second consecutive four year term.

ALAMEDA WARD

PERSONALS

(Backbone Of News)

By Lue Seavers & Violet Pinckney

Watch for the date of the rummage sale coming up soon under the direction of the seventies.

Baptized by his dad was Steven Buchan and confirmed by his grandpa, Leo H. Crandall our former bishop.

Robert Evans Smith was ordained a priest by Bishop George H. Pinckney. Robert is a new convert to the Church.

Douglas Hansen was sustained as age-group counselor in the M.I.A. He and his wife Janet are new-comers from Salt Lake.

Our sympathy goes to Reba Winkel whose mother died in Utah. We welcome her and Thys back into the ward.

Beatrice Malquist lost her brother in Salt Lake City.

Sister Venice Mortensen is out to Church again after major surgery.

Leslie Tolman, daughter of Joseph and Faye Tolman, wasn't badly injured in her little tiff with a great big truck as she crossed the street. (Who says people don't have "guardian angels"?)

Sustained as 1st counselor in the Sunday School superintendency was Elder Eddie Fink with his wife Evelyn as genealogy instructor for M.I.A.

Brother Franklyn and Sister Ione Brown and daughter Sandra returned from a trip to Mexico. While there they attended Church . . . no sabla Espanol but said the Spirit was there.

While Sister Amelia Everett was down from Salt Lake City to attend the dedication of the Oakland Temple she visited our ward.

George H. Pinckney spent a week working in Nevada and Utah and was in Provo for the homecoming game, the "Y" winning from their rival Utah State. He also enjoyed seeing some of the Alameda students there.

Recently set apart as a seventy in the Costa Mesa Ward was George H. Pinckney Jr. He is M.I.A. president there.

Lue Seavers and her sister Medie Hughes flew to Los Angeles to visit their sister Katie Taylor and her family. Hank Seavers and Don Hughes drove down later for Thanksgiving.

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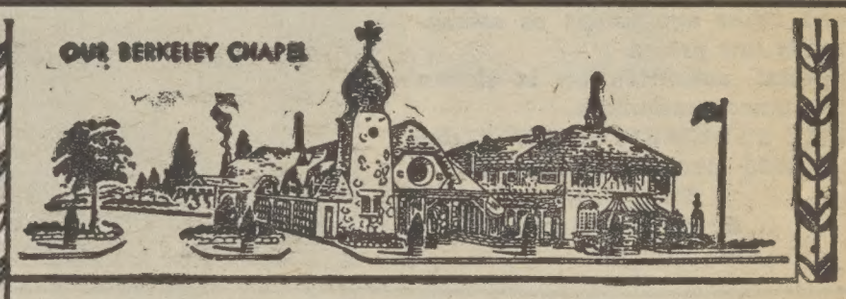

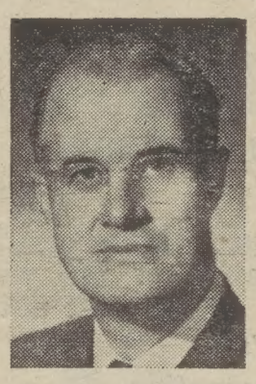

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San Leandro Ward

Fred Ferreira Jr. To Brazil Mission

By Ardyth Green

Elder Fred Roger Ferreira Jr. was called to the Brazilian Mission and a Farewell Testimonial was given in his honor October 4. San Leandro ward has three other Elders on missions, LeRoy Thompson, Northwestern States; Kenneth L. Frye Jr., Texas; and Clark Jackson, Andes. Two missionaries returned recently, James and Andrew Chapin.

Laura C. Orrey and Lou Emma Grace Kephart were baptized October 11. John Lauper was baptized and confirmed by his father Marcel F. Lauper.

Alden Harold Mlaker was ordained a deacon by Alden F. Lamph October 18. Linda Lou Cantrell was baptized the 17th.

Released as Primary presidency in November were Karen Longden, LaRae Nooner, and Ardyth Green. Sustained as Primary presidency: Ardyth Green, LaRae Nooner and Sharon Johnson.

On Thursday evening, October 29 the Elders' Quorum and wives enjoyed a smorgasboard dinner and dance as guests of LCDR Kenneth L. Frye at the Officers' Club at the Naval Air Station in Alameda.

The Henny Penny project sponsored by the Mutual under direction of Sister Verna Jackson was a success. At the harvest dinner, Friday October 2 the proceeds from the project were turned over to Bishop Schipper in many clever and amusing ways. The Hal Pitcher family was tops in money collected. They sold sweet rolls and banana nut bread. Venna Pitcher and her sister Janae walked up to he Bishop with a large imitation chicken. They reached under the hen and brought forth eggs with notes inside in clever rhyme. The last egg was the golden one containing a check for $100.

Sister Ardyth Green greeted the bishop with a pay TV set constructed out of cardboard. It contained proceeds from the shows watched on TV at 25c a day for 360 days for a total of $90. Sister LaFae Painter turned over the money she earned from her project of selling Avon products. Her money was presented as an Avon representative calling. A little box of Avon products decorated with sample lipsticks contained $81.

Sister Esther Elliot swept up a neat little sum with a Stanley broom—one of the Stanley products she sells. Sister Virginia Wakefield saved dimes for the project. Many others participated in this fund raising project. There were 150 miniature loaves of bread handed out to those present. This bread was baked by one of the sisters in the San Leandro 2d Ward.

The Relief Society was in charge of the dinner which had the harvest theme. Tables were decorated with produce from the Kenneth Frye garden. Nearly $960 was turned over to the bishop from this Henny Penny project.

AT YOUR SERVICE. It was Mother's Day in November at San Mateo Stake when some 300 mothers and sons attended the annual "Mom's Night" banquet of the Aaronic Priesthood. Here, Stake President RICHARD I. PALMER and his counselor, President FRANK A. MARTIN, serve RITA BULE and her son, STEVEN, who is a Deacon of San Bruno Ward. (P.S. After the banquet, Steven and the other boys did the dishes while the Moms sat by and enjoyed their leisure.)

Before The Era, Millennial Star

By Samuel W. Taylor

The audacity of Heber J. Grant and B. H. Roberts in starting The **Improvement Era** was more than matched by Brigham Young in starting the oldest existing Church publication, the **Millennial Star,** whose first issue was printed at Manchester, England, in May, 1840.

This magazine was for many years practically the only voice of truth published about Mormon affairs. Harrassed at home, at war with the U.S. Government, classified by the Supreme Court as an organized rebellion, the Church could not publish the true state of affairs in its local publications, but in England the "Millennial Star" not only could but did.

Brigham Young had arrived in England with Herber C. Kimball in April of that year, 1840, on missionary work. Other Apostles in Great Britain at the time were Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, and George A. Smith. They held a conference of the Saints at Preston April 14, at which they ordained Willard Richards an Apostle and decided to publish a magazine "as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained."

Parley Pratt, editor, prepared a pospectus for the magazine, and wrote Brigham Young, who had gone to Herefordshire to preach, that everything was ready, pending "sufficient number of subscribers and money enough on hand."

Brigham Young's reply was characteristically terse: "Publish 2,000 copies of the magazine, and I will foot the bill."

Parley Pratt gulped, and placed the order with the printing shop of W. R. Thomas, Spring Gardens, Manchester. Pratt had no idea where the money was coming from, and he did know that Brigham had arrived in England a few weeks earlier with barely enough money to buy himself a hat to replace the homemade cap his wife had made out of a pair of old pants.

At Herefordshire, however, Wilford Woodruff had baptized several wealthy converts. Brigham Young went to them, and, "I borrowed 250 pounds from Sister Jane Benbow, 100 of Brother Thomas Kington and returned to Manchester," he wrote, "where we printed 3,000 Hymn Books and 5,000 copies of the "Book of Mormon, and issued 2,000 copies of the "Millennial Star" monthly, and in the course of the summer gave away rising of 60,000 tracts."

Brigham Young's business judgement was vindicated. Interest in the new religion was high in Great Britain: converts were being baptized by the shipload. The books sold readily, subscriptions poured in for the magazine, and when Brigham left for America a year later, the loans had been repaid.

Brigham Young left, incidently, as he had come, without purse or script. In his year in Great Britain he had spent just 1 penny foolishly, and soon regretted it. He bought a bunch of grapes at Smithfield Market, in Manhcester. "When I took them in my hand I saw women passing through the market who, I knew, were suffering from hunger."

Death Takes Toll

By Marilla Bodily

Berkeley 2d Ward has suffered great losses in its membership recently.

Charles L. (Bill) Haynes, Jr. was born December 8, 1907 in Virginia where his mother was active in Relief Society and his brother "Kip" is a Bishop. He has a son, Charles (Larry) Haynes, III, living in Oakland, married and with one child. He was married in 1948 to Virginia Otis, who has a son, H. Gray Otis, III. Together Bill and Virginia have run his business, The El Cerrito Paint Center on San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito. For three years they attended Claremont Ward where Bill was in the Sunday School superintendency, director of finance, and secretary of the YMMIA. He was a member of the seventies quorum and secretary of the YMMIA of Berkeley 2d Ward at the time of his death. Bill had a heart attack and died suddenly July 10. He was buried in the Sacramento City Cemetery. Virginia and Gray are continuing to operate the family business.

The Myron Ward Halls came to California in 1873 as early pioneers.. They started the first walnut groves in Alamo. Here Ward Hall was born April 10, 1881. Ward became an engineer with the State Public Utilities Commission and was married to Bertha Lenore Byreng in 1915. Ward was the youngest of four boys and two girls and was the last of his family. Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son Ward Jr., and his wife, Shirley, from John Day, Oregon; Marjorie Bradner, her husband and daughter from La Jolla; and Barbara Langlois and her husband, Gordon, and their children, Richard, Marilyn and Shirley of Berkeley 2d Ward. Ward became a member of the Church in 1951 and was a high priest at the time of his death, September 15, as a result of a stroke. He is buried in Sunset View Cemetery, El Cerrito. Lenore lives in the family home in Berkeley.

Albert Dietlaker's wife Ehtel, died October 19 following a stroke. Sister Dietlaker was born in Fairfield, Utah, in 1888, daughter of Emma Eliza Wilson and Hakon Bradeson. She married Albert Dietlaker in 1918. When living in the Salt Lake area Ethel was a member of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir and sang with them on their first concert tour in 1911, when they sang at the White House for President Taft. They came to California in 1924 and settled in the Richmond area. Ethel had served in all the auxiliaries of the Church. She was president of the Primary and Relief Society and taught in Mutual in Richmond Ward where her husband served in the bishopric. She was one of ten children but has only one sister, Myrtle Checketts of Pasadena and a sister-in-law, Jessie Bradeson of El Sobrante, surviving. She leaves in addition Billy Zuppann, an advertising artist, in Chicago; Speer Zuppann in San Francisco and their sister, Ruth Huble, of Chicago. Her services were arranged by two nieces, Jessie Pierson and June Beraz of El Cerrito. There were other relatives surviving. Even though she had no children of her own, many young people looked to her as an aunt or grandmother for she shared her love with many. She was buried in the Ogden City Cemetery, Utah.

Eileen Griffin died the same day, October 19. She was born in Garland, Utah April 24, 1915. Her parents were converted in Sheffield, England and came to America with their first five of their eight children. Her mother, two sisters, and one brother have preceded her in death. Her father, Sam Cockayne, who is 90, still lives in Salt Lake City. Eileen was a member of the first class to graduate from South High in Salt Lake. She married young and hd two sons: Stephen Hellberg who with his wife, Lucille, and daughters Juile, Jill and Joan live in Dublin; and Carl Michael Hellberg of Yardley, Pennsylvania. Eileen was married to James Griffin in California about 18 years ago and has two daughters, Kathleen and Coleen. They have lived in Lodi, Oakland, and Orinda but moved into Claremont Ward where Eileen taught Primary. In 1960 they moved into Berkeley 2d Ward where she gave her artistic talents to both Primary and Relief Society.

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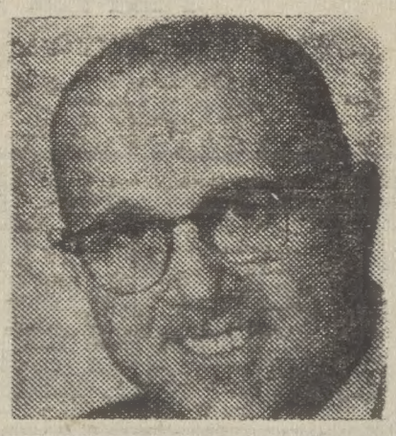

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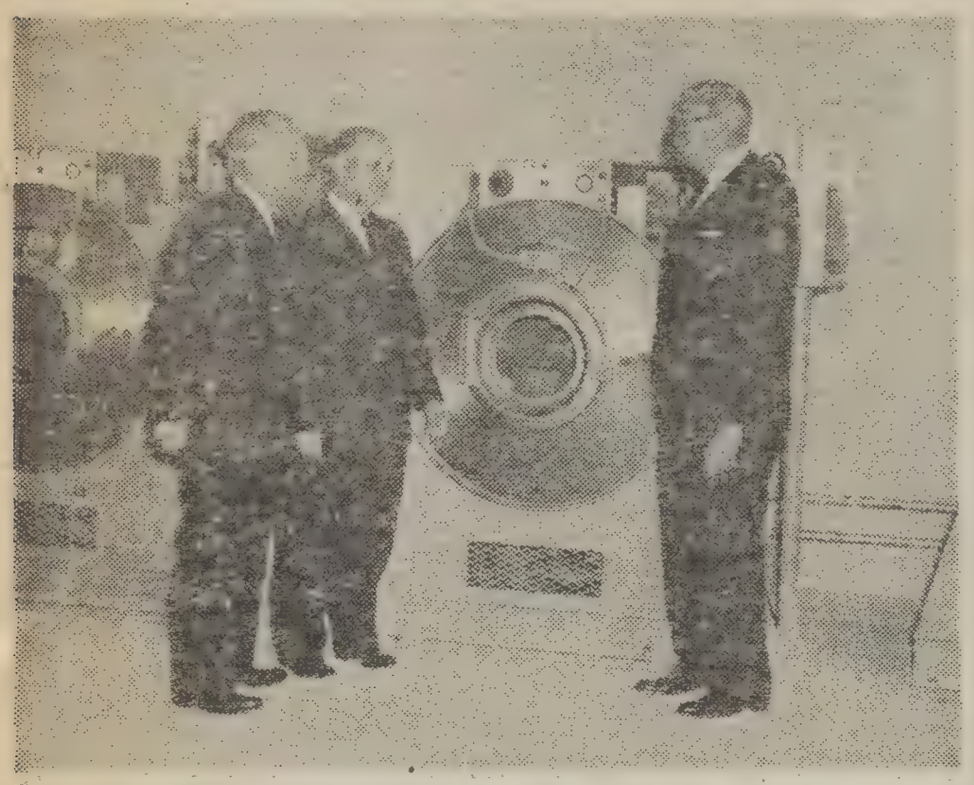
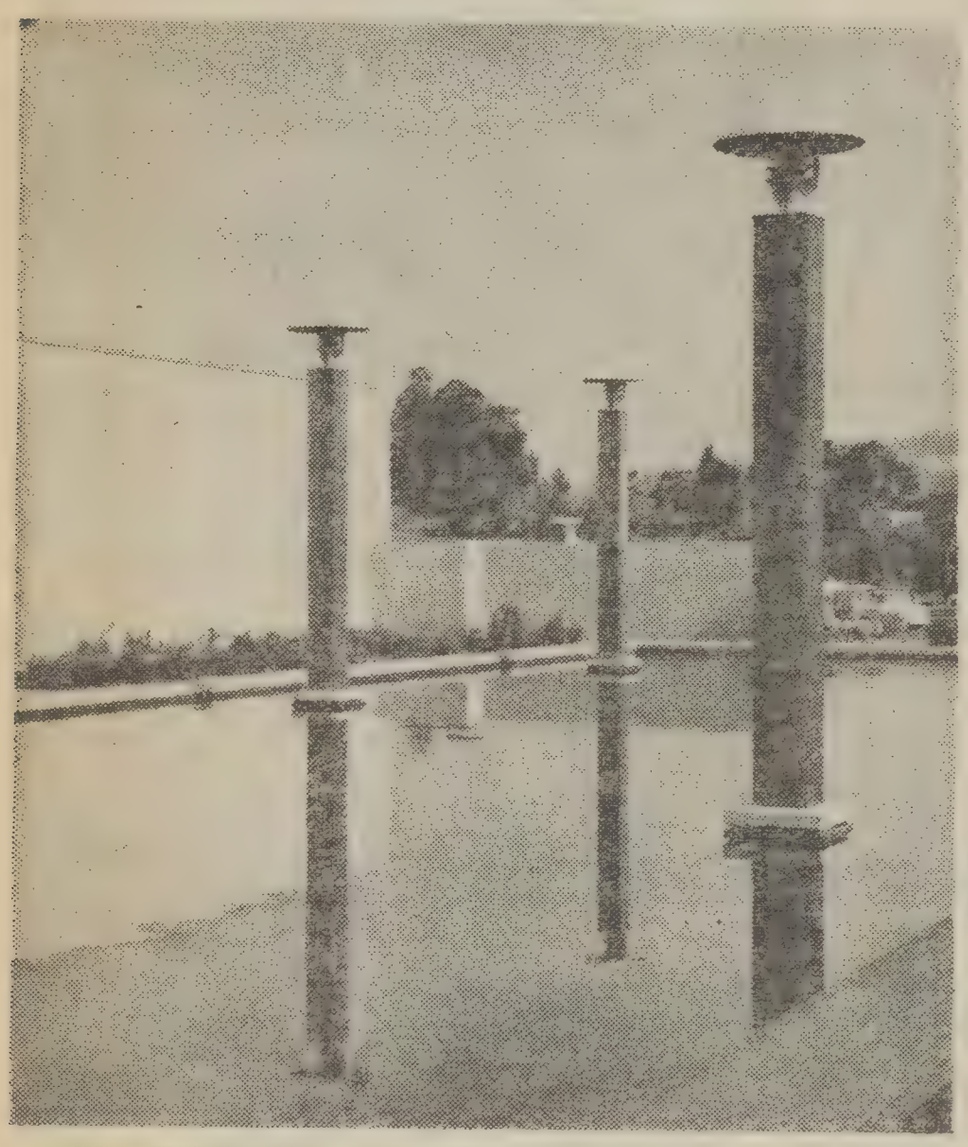
Now that the glorious new Oakland Temple is dedicated and about to begin the sacred functions for which it was built, pictures of its recent history are of interest. Most of these are progress pictures taken by Brother Bob McCrea.



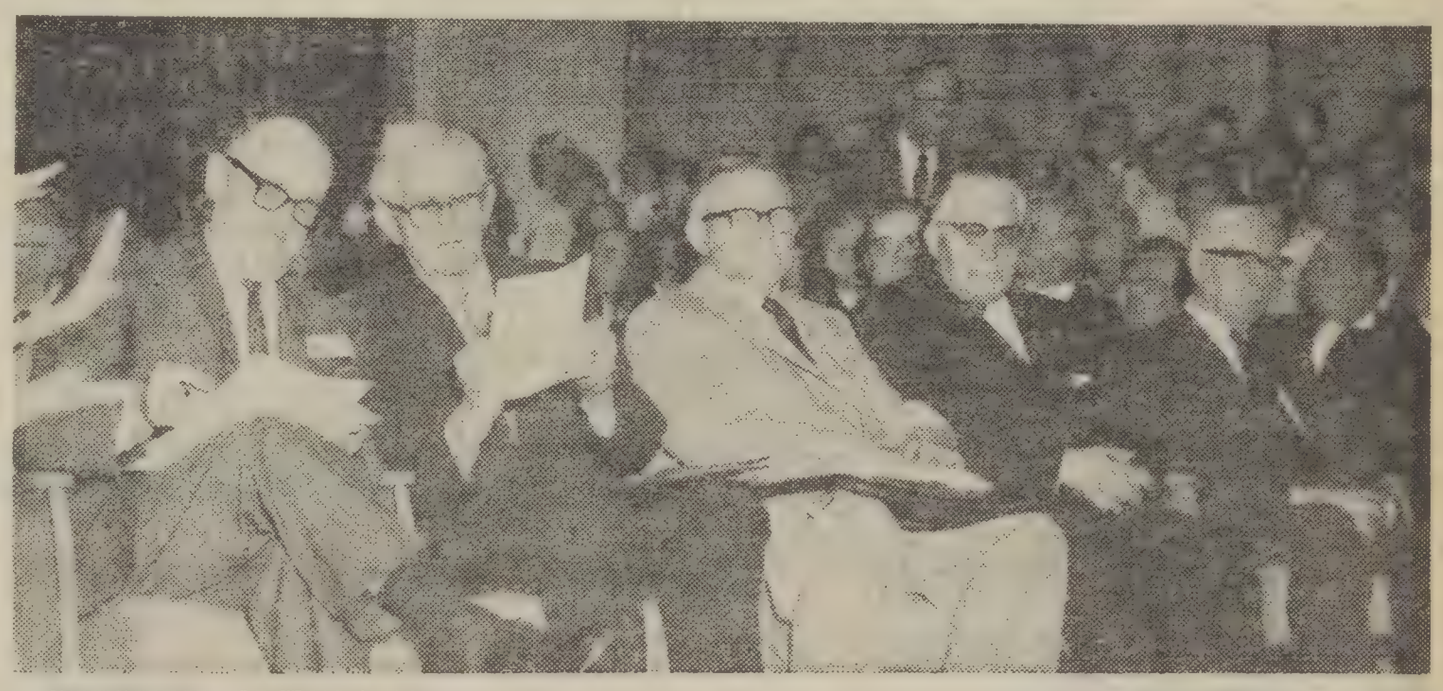
THE NEWLY-APPOINTED presidency of the Temple inspect some of the equipment. They are (left) ELDER LEE KENNER, 2d counselor, PRESIDENT DELBERT F. WRIGHT, and ELDER BERNHERD H. SCHETTLER, 1st counselor.

PRESIDENT McKAY turns the first shovelful of earth at the groundbreaking May 26, 1962.

THE VERY FIRST picture of the Oakland Temple, the architect's drawing as PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY showed it to PRESIDENT O. LESLIE STONE at the public announcement that the Temple would be built.



THE HANDSOME light standards, mirrored in the reflecting pool in the forecourt of the Temple between the two wings that extend out from the main portion of the building.

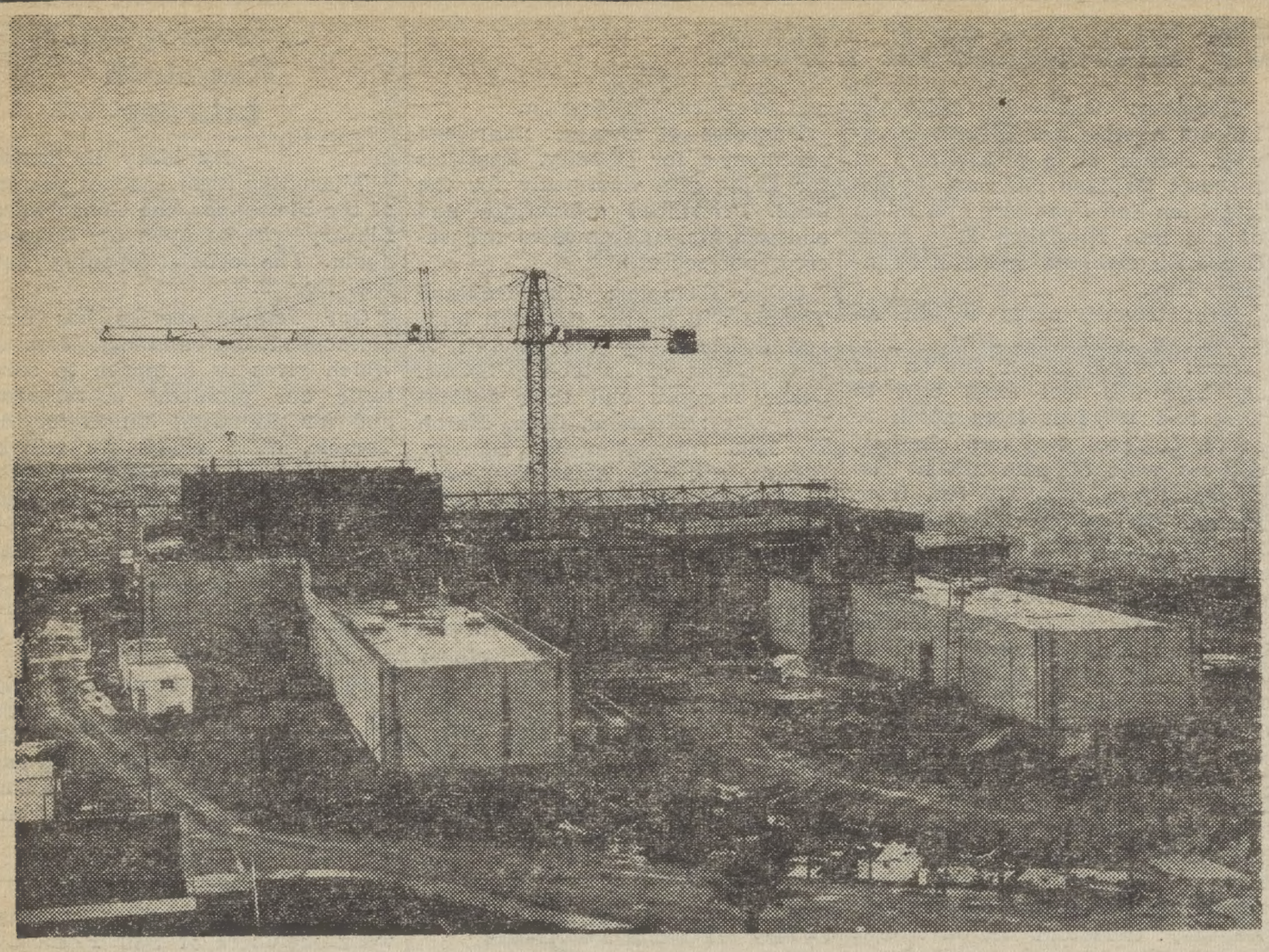


PRESIDENT McKAY talking over the program of the site dedication with PRESIDENT STONE. To the right is the late PRESIDENT HENRY D. MOYLE, PRESIDENT HUGH B. BROWN, and PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, who laid the cornerstone a year later.

THIS IS the first of BOB McCREA'S series of monthly progress pictures and shows crews laying out forms for foundations in August, 1962, after the excavations were completed.

ALMOST ANOTHER YEAR—March 16, 1964—the building was taking its finished form. A week after this picture was taken the central tower was completed.

HERE IT IS two years after ground was broken, complete except for the finishing touches inside the building, landscaping, construction of the Terrace Garden, reflecting pool, waterway, and fountains.



APRIL, 1963, the exterior of the Temple had pret ty well taken shape and most of the work was going on inside.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH (cen ter) of the Council of the Twelve, laid the cornerstone of the Temple May 25, 1963, assisted by PRESIDENT STONE and JOSEPH ANDERSON, secretary to the First Presidency. Photo by E. A. Pyle.

CHURCH ARCHITECT HOWARD W. BURTON hands over the keys to the Temple to PRESIDENT WRIGHT after the ceremonial opening to the public.

Temple Traffic Rules

Rules for driving and parking vehicles on the grounds of the Temple and East Bay Interstake Center have been issued by President O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake and Oakland Temple District, with a plea to all users of the facilities for compliance in the interest of better and more general enjoyment.

Signs and marking on pavements and curbs are there for the protection of lives and property, placed after careful study, are easy to follow, and obedience to them will be to advantage of all, Church members, neighbors, and the motoring public, Pres. Stone said. Violators may be cited or vehicles towed away, he indicated. The rules are:

(1) When entering from Lincoln Avenue, **always** use the "entrance" gate, **not** the "exit".

(2) Follow the directional arrows and park only in marked parking stalls. Do not straddle a line and "hog" two spaces.

(3) Leave pedestrian lanes and pathways clear. These walkways are marked by diagonal lines and must not be blocked.

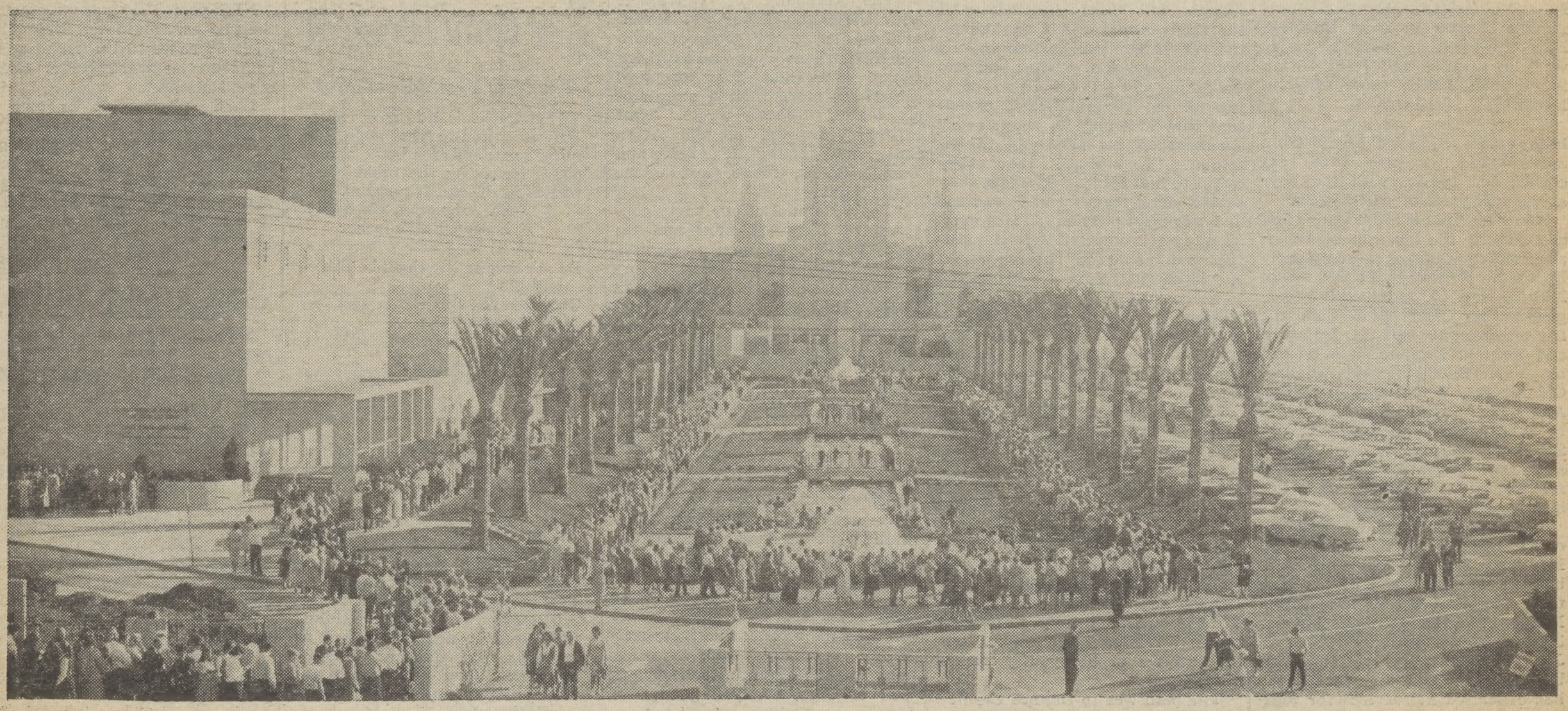
(4) Never park in a red zone. These zones are NO PARKING areas for good reasons. Please observe all NO PARKING signs.

(5) When parking on the streets, make sure that your car is not blocking a driveway. We wish to be good neighbors. A quick way to be a poor neighbor is to block another's driveway.

(6) Observe the one-way streets. This means everyone. People attending meetings, workers at the Temple, or employees working on the job are not to drive the wrong way on a one-way street. The roadway around the Temple is narrow and in places will allow only one car. To avoid an accident **go only with the arrow.**

(7) **Do not park at the Greek Orthodox Church when our lots are filled.** Cars that park there without authorization may be towed away. Recently some of our members parked in this area, leaving no room for the Greek Orthodox members who were attending a funeral.

Let's follow the rules of good etiquette and good manners in using our grounds and parking areas. We'll enjoy our visit to this beautiful place much more, if we do.



And here is the finished building and some of the 350,000 visitors who filed through between the first opening September 25 and the closing to the public October 31 of this year.

TEMPLE FACTS IN EASY REFERENCE FORM

Site purchased November 16, 1942 First parcel of 15 acres cost $18,000, the last ¾ acre cost $25,000.

Site leveled in 1955 with 240,000 yards of rock and shale removed.

Ground broken May 28, 1962, by President David O. McKay.

Cornerstone laid May 26, 1963, by President Joseph Fielding Smith.

Dedication November 17, 18, 19, 1964.

Building is reinforced concrete 8" thick with granite facing 4" thick. The granite is from Raymond, California.

Dimensions: length 210 feet east to west; width 190 feet north to south; Height of spire above ground level 170 feet; four small spires are 96 feet above ground level.

Wings of Temple: 30 feet by 149 feet.

Fore-court: 80 feet by 116 feet.

Reflecting pool: 36 feet by 97 feet.

Celestial Room: 38 feet square; 35 feet ceiling height; marble from Italy; wood is Prima Vera from South America.

Bapistry: floor is marble; supporting columns are Travertine marble from Utah; font is supported on backs of 12 life-size oxen which are covered with gold leaf.

Sealing or Marriage Rooms: two rooms seat 60 each; four rooms seat 22 each; four rooms seat 16 each.

Sculptured panels: 35 feet and 13 feet 1 inch high; panel on the north represents Jesus Christ with followers in Palestine. Panel on south represents Jesus Christ with followers in Land Bountiful on the Western Hemisphere.

Towers: perforated and covered in blue glass mosiac and gold leaf.

Cost: in excess of $5,000,000 including furnishings.

Architect, Harold W. Burton; Resident Supervising Architect, Arthur Price; General Contractors, Leon M. Wheatly Co., Inc., Jacobsen Construction Co.; Superintendent of Construction, Robert C. Loder; President of Temple, Delbert F. Wright; Chairman of Oakland Temple District, President O. Leslie Stone; Membership in Temple District, Approximately 180,000 consisting of 40 Stakes from Fresno to Seattle.

Location: Oakland, California, Lincoln Avenue and Warren Freeway. Stands on a promontory of the east Oakland Hills and is visible from San Francisco and much of the San Francisco Bay Area. Overlooks Oakland and San Francisco Bay.

Site: Twenty acres within an attractive residential area.

Size: Temple proper sits on the stylobate 210 feet from east to west and 190 feet from north to south. It faces two and one-half degrees west of true north. The central tower rises 170 feet from ground level to the tip of the finial of spire. Approximately 100,000 square feet of floor space.

Construction: Design: modern with oriental flavor. Type of construction: 8 inch reinforced concrete, faced with 4-inch granite from Raymond, California; spires pre-cast stone with gold leaf cover.

Special Material: Celestial room: golden shade prima vera wood from Peru; marble from Italy, and sculptured panels. Inside pillars supporting super structure made of travertine marble from Utah. Bapistry: tiled font sits on twelve oxen made of cast stone faced with gold leaf.

Outside lighting: Lighting gives warm glow and gold-leafed spires lighted from inside.

Other buildings: Two million dollar Interstake Center and Northern California Mission headquarters.

Public showing: September 25, 1964, civic and non-Latter-day Saints Church leaders and families for inspection and guided tours. September 26, 1964, Latter-day Saints Church leaders and families. October 5 through 31, 1964, general public for inspection and guided tours.

Dedication: November 17, 18 and 19, 1964. (President David O. McKay presided and dedicated.)

Temple President: Delbert F. Wright, former president of Minneapolis and Oakland Stakes.

Temple District: The Oakland Temple will serve members of the LDS Church residing in Northern California, Fresno north to the Oregon border, Reno area of Nevada, Stakes in Western Oregon, and Western Washington.

Purposes of Temple: Marriage ceremonies for eternity. Baptisms for living and vicariously for the dead. Priesthood ordinations and endowments. (Ceremonies are sacred, not secret.)

Other Temples: The Oakland Temple will be the fifteenth built and dedicated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Other Temples and their dedication dates: Kirtland, Ohio, March 27, 1836 (discontinued); Nauvoo, Illinois, April 30, 1846 (destroyed; St. George, Utah, April 30, 1877; Logan, Utah, May 17, 1884; Manti, Utah, May 21, 1888; Salt Lake City, Utah, April 6, 1893,; Laie, Oahu, Hawaii, November 27, 1919; Cardston, Alberta, Canada, August 26, 1923; Mesa, Arizona, October 23, 1927; Idaho Falls, Idaho, September 23, 1945; Los Angeles, California, March 11, 1956; Bern, Switzerland, September 11, 1955; Hamilton, New Zealand, April 20, 1958; London, England, September 7, 1958.

Genealogical Research Library

By Mary B. Russell

When this issue reaches patrons of the Messenger, the Genealogical Library will be open for buisness again. The official opening date was Dec. 2.

Our Temple service has been announced as starting Jan. 5, which gives us a month to solve some our problems in research, and for preparing names for the Temple, after which we will be occupied, as members of the Church, with both activities. Each individual will need to consider the worth of every hour of time.

We will have many machines to help you, and hope to procure plenty of help on the floor and at the desk, to speed service.

Visitors to the Temple will also be visiting the library, but the advantage will still be with the local membership, they being parmanent residents. It is hoped that these will take advantage of this opportunity.

Missionaries' Letters Read

By Mary D. Westover

Fast and testimonial meetings at Oakland 3d Ward are becoming outstanding for two reasons, large attendance (600 plus, not including the Primary Sunday School) and letters the bishop reads from missionaries in the field.

Ken Matheson will be home in early February. Now that the World's fair is closed, he is no longer working at the Mormon Pavilion and is proselyting in the field.

Fred Weindorf is continuing his successful work in Ireland, Richard Pearce and Ranny Park in Mexico. Each is certain his is the finest mission in the Church, and the people the most wonderful to work with.

Carl and Esther Decker and Bill and Josephine Wheeler are still busy building churches in the British Isles, where they find construction methods somewhat slower than at home, but the people enthusiastic and devout. They planned to have a big Thanksgiving celebration and get together for themselves, including Wanda and Barbara Decker, Art and Pearl Bliss, and Bob Baker, all of whom are working close to each other. Everything about Britain is dour, except the wonderful people.

Dave Shaw has been doing some baptising and much proselyting in New Zealand, and Marvin Bennett reports success in New England. Barry Humphreys is happy in his work in Virginia and Jerry Hilton is enthusiastically proselyting in Edinburgh, Scotland.

We feel that we have had a letter from someone away from home when we hear these excerpts, and rejoice with the boys at the progress of their work.

Another feature of the fast meetings is the blessing of babies and confirmations of those recently baptised. Recently David Adam Nickely was blessed by his great-grandfather Clarence E. Goodsell; Steven Fragosa, son of Domingo and Pauline Fragosa, was blessed by Verl Bennett; and Michael Charles Morris, by Bishop Hilton. Annabella Lovato was confirmed by Wellington Holm; Cheyrl Beth Simons by her father, Jay Simons, and Julie Marie Johnson by her father, John Johnson and her brother Wally Johnson.

Death has called many members of the ward. Herb and Nieta Van Noy were recently called to Idaho because of the death of his brother, Lowell; Kenneth and Emma Matheson went to Los Angeles because of the death of his uncle, John G. Evans, formerly a member of our ward, and the bishop has officiated at services for Matthias Morgan, father of John and grandfather of Dennis Morgan, and for John Duggan, father of Beverly Call.

We are beginning to settle down to normal after the Temple Open House and dedication, but the glow of these wondrous experiences will be felt for a long time. It means much work—but much growth and pleasurable experience—to be the home ward of a new Temple, and to re-dedicate ourselves to the various Temple duties.

This year the Athletic Program has been amplified. We have two junior and two senior teams, and most of the young men in the ward are playing basketball. As always, we are proud of the showing our teams are making, and even prouder of the effect of this particular program on the lives of our young people.

Improvement Era History Is Told

By Samuel W. Taylor

A Gentile may never have heard of The **Improvement Era** but among Latter-day Saints it has one oof the largest circulations of any magazine published.

The **Improvement Era** began in the dark financial days of 1897, when the Church was in debt. The previous year, a magazine called the **Contributor** had collapsed after 17 years of publication, because of financial difficulties, leaving the Church without a periodical for YMMIA.

Heber J. Grant, then a young Apostle, felt keenly the demise of the **Contributor,** which was indicative of a general decline in the Mutual program. "We had no magazine, and there were no meetings of the general board, except that they met once in about every six months," he said about the situation. "I realized that they ought to met every week, that they should come together and converse and work out problems.' However, he was not connected with the Mutual and could do nothing about the situation. And so, "I prayed to the Lord that I might be chosen as one of the general superintendency,' he said. The very next day Heber J. Grant was appointed a counselor in the superintendency, together with B. H. Roberts.

They immediately called a meeting and discussed the proposition of starting a magazine. Problem was that there was no money for such a project. However, the new members of the Mutual superintendency had dash and courage. "The strong assertions of those who supposed that we had no capital with which to begin the publication of the organ for the YMMIA were entirely mistaken," wrote Roberts. 'Our capital was the interest of the young men of the Church."

The plan was to finance the new magazine by selling subscriptions in advance. It was endorsed by the MIA board with misgivings. "But the committee in charge were young men," Roberts wrote, 'and represented at that time the spirit of faith and confidence."

The subscripion drive got underway in a typical Mormon fashion that could have worked nowhere else in the world. Teams of singers, musicians, entertainers, and speakers were called to go out among the stakes and wards of Church to put on shows for raising the capital.

"The company of canvassers with which the writer was associated was assigned a group of counties in northern Utah and southern Idaho, and their tour occupied something more than a month or six weeks," Roberts wrote. "Our teritory consisted of the Afton Stake, in Wyoming, Bear Lake and Oneida Sakes, Idaho, and Cache Stake, Utah.

"The personnel of our party consisted of Robert Easton and his wife Jeanette Young Easton, Thomas Hull and his wife Margaret Hull, Douglas M. Todd, Viola Pratt Gillett and her mother Mrs. Milando Pratt, Walter S. Lamoreaux, and myself." The company of Mormon minstrels lived off the land, traveling without purse or script, and of course received no salary.

" Something in the outdoor life, and meeting in the homes seemed to give a touch of romance to our undertaking," Roberts reported. "Everyone was cheerful, and we often went serenading people in their homes in out-of-the-way places.

Everywehe the meetings were well attended, and subscriptions for the forthcoming magazine rolled up on every hand. In other parts of the Church territory, as well as ours, the young men of Israel everywhere responded to this appeal, and became the capital with which the magazine started.

Mormons Again Flash Vote Count

By Samuel W. Taylor

Results of the Presidental election were flashed to television, radio, and newspaper wire services through the efforts of 5580 Latter-day Saints who acted as precinct reporters in the San Francisco Bay area on election night, according to William Rivers, northern California election manager for National Broadcasting System.

Portions of the Los Angeles area were covered by Mormons, as well as election districts in the state of Washington, Mr. Rivers said. Mormon organizations were chosen for this work, he said, because of the fine results of their previous work in the primary elections this spring.

For the presidential election, the three networks, NBC, CBS, and ABC, joined with the wire serices, AP and UPI, in a vote-gathering pool, the Network Election Service. Mormons were part of this NES task force.

In northern California, Network Election Service covered only the densely-populated counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda on precinct by precinct basis. In this area Church members were employed exclusively except for a small area of the city of Oakland. This area would also have been covered by LDS reporters except that the bishop of the ward there had scheduled a function that could not be cancelled to free Church members for the task.

Involved in Bay Area coverage were members of San Francisco, San Mateo, Palo Alto, San Jose West, San Leandro, Hayward and Oakland-Berkeley stakes.

The various stakes handled the assignment in different manners. Some handled it as a stake project, others on a ward basis. Election reporters of San Francisco Stake were home teachers. The MIA was employed by San Leandro and Hayward Stakes. It was priesthood project in San Jose stake, helped by the Reilef Society. In San Mateo Stake the Relief Society took charge of the assignment.

Anna Beh Brown, stake Relief Society president for San Mateo Stake, reported some of the problems of the assignment on a local basis. Network Election Service contracted for the service on a county basis, while stake boundaries do not coincide with county territories. The Relief Society of San Mateo Stake was furnished a map of San Mateo County precincts, and from it made assignments according to ward boundaries within the stake and also delivered to the adjoining stakes of San Francisco and Palo Alto assignments for precincts within their respective areas. Relief Society presidents of the wards made individual assignments.

As it turned out, a number of men in San Mateo Stake became members of the Relief Society for the evening on a pinch-hit basis.

Each reporter was furnished an official badge, a tally-sheet to record the precinct vote for president, senator, and congressional district, and the phone number of Network Election Service.

NES paid $1.10 per precinct for the service. San Mateo Stake divided it 60 cents to the stake and 50 cents to he ward Relief Society organizations.

Each stake made its own apportionment of the funds.

Church members reported good cooperation by precinct officials, while Mr. Rivers offered congratulations to the Church organization for its excellent work in the election.

the Great Books

The New Year's Resolution

WHENCE is this monstrousness? and to what end? The mind commands the body, and it obeys instantly; the mind commands itself, and is resisted.

—St. Augustine (354-430)
Early Church father

Be stirring as the time; be fire with fire;
Threaten the threatener and outface the brow
Of bragging horror: so shall inferior eyes,
That borrow their behaviors from the great,
Grow great by your example and put on
The dauntless spirit of resolution.

—William Shakespeare
(1564-1616)

Mr. Johnson this year wrote, "I have now spent fifty-five years in resolving; having from the earliest time almost that I can remember, been forming schemes of a better life. I have done nothing. The need of doing therefore is pressing, since the time of doing is short. O God, grant me to resolve aright, and to keep my resolutions."

—James Boswell (1740-1795)
In his *Life of Samuel Johnson*

ALAMEDA WARD PERSONALS

Sister Dallas Pocock sold her home and is renting an apartment in Oakland to be near her folks. Her dad is not at all well. Her son, Rodney Pocock Jr. who is studying music at the "Y" is bringing his fiancee, Elaine Bennett of Provo home for Thanksgiving to meet his mother.

David and Bobby Laird returned rested after flying to New York to the Fair, where they enjoyed the Church exhibit. From there they flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Jamaica but were glad when they spotted the Island of Alameda.

We are glad to have Eva Shaw here with her husband, Fred L. Miller of Salt Lake. They have purchased a home in Ogden and expect to divide their time between there and here.

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